

FOI REF: 22/372

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding facilities available for non-consultant grade doctors.

Please provide answers for the questions below, with specific details for the following sites:

- **Conquest Hospital**
- **Eastbourne District General Hospital**

Doctor's Mess

For the purposes of this FOI request a 'Doctors' Mess' is defined as a dedicated rest space, typically for the exclusive use of doctors. It does not include a rest space which is utilised by many different healthcare professions at once.

1. Is there a doctors' mess on site?

[Yes. There are two Doctors Messes one on each site.](#)

If the answer to question 1 is yes, then:

- a) Is the doctors' mess funded by voluntary financial contributions from doctors? If not, how is it funded?**

[Yes. Subscription is an opt in scheme for the junior doctors which is deducted from their salaries.](#)

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- b) **Which other members of the multidisciplinary team have access/make use of the doctors' mess, if any?**

None. It is not available to other members of the MDT.

- c) **If other members of the MDT are allowed access to the doctors' mess do they make the same voluntary financial contributions as doctors in instances where the mess is funded by voluntary financial contributions?**

Not Applicable.

- d) **If other members of the multidisciplinary team have access/make use of the doctors' mess, when was the decision to open access to other members of the MDT made and who made the decision to do so? An approximate date is acceptable for 'when', and a job title is acceptable for 'who'.**

Not Applicable.

If the answer to question 1 is no and the trust previously had a doctor's mess:

- e) **What was the date of its closure? An approximate date is acceptable.**

- f) **When in existence, how was the doctors' mess funded?**

- g) **What was the space reallocated/repurposed into?**

Lockers & Changing Facilities

2. **Does the trust provide locker space for rotating junior doctors?- There are lockers available in some places but they are for both Trust and Training Grade doctors. We are to locate a number of new lockers in one of the Education Centres to see how works for our doctors reference location.**

There are some lockers available cross site in divisional areas but not enough. We are soon to commission a number to be installed in the education centre on the EDGH site.

3. **Does the trust have on-site changing facilities available to rotating junior doctors, excluding those facilities located in the theatre department? Please provide details of the facilities available. There is some ad hoc provision in some clinical areas- there are the ability to change in the education centres but these do not include access to showers etc.**

These are sporadic in key divisional areas.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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